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Mr. William K. Weddendorf
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Dear Mr. Weddendorf:

I have reviewed the RI/FS Workplan, QAPP, and Site Safety Plan submitted by O'Brien and Gere for the Granite City Site and would like to make the following comments:

General:

1. More constituents should be included in the list of compounds to be sampled. At a minimum, sampling for antimony, copper, iron, manganese, nickel, nitric acid, sodium hydroxide, sulfuric acid, and zinc should also be conducted since elevated levels of these contaminants have been identified in previous studies at the site.
2. The runoff samples should not be filtered.
3. Analyses for suspended solids, alkalinity, and acidity should be conducted.
4. The U.S. EPA contact should be changed to:
Brad Bradley, (312) 386-4742

Specific:

RI/FS Workplan

Subtask 3d - The weather conditions prior to and including the March 15 site inspection should be specified.

Safety Plan

Level C decontamination procedures should be listed.

QAPP/Sampling Plan

Background well locations and monitoring well depths should be specified.

Mr. David Payne, U.S. EPA, will provide further comments under a separate cover letter. As soon as you have received all comments regarding the RI/FS Workplan, QAPP, and Safety Plan, I would like to arrange a meeting with you, John Hooker, and David Payne to discuss the comments and thereby allow the package to be finalized.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me at (312) 386-4742.

Sincerely,

Brad Bradley
Remedial Project Manager, (5ME-12)

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